Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations in Current and Future Conflict

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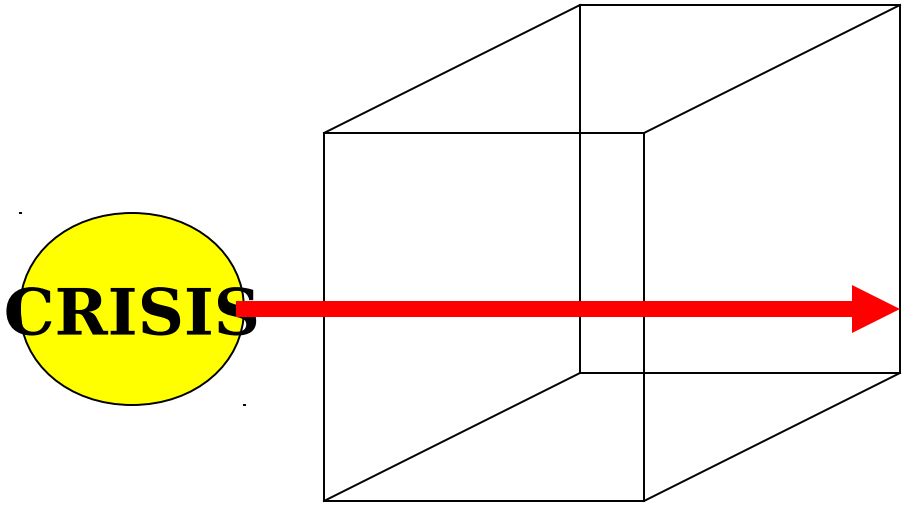
Here we go again…

- After 13 years, I’m done…….

Planning 1990
WWII/National Survival

Battlespace Box



TIME

Super-Power Planning 2003

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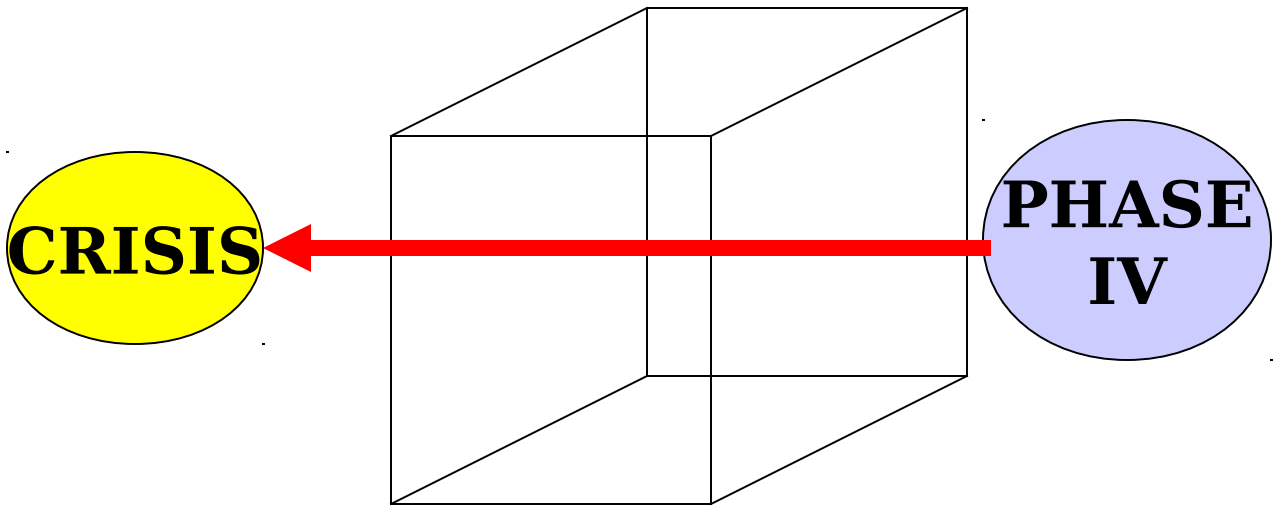

Hyper-Power Planning

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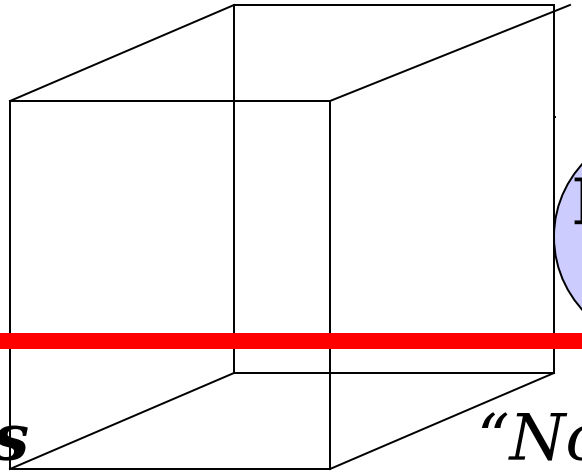


Prevention **RISIS** **PHASE IV** **Regional Equilibrium**

"Prevention beats Preemption."

"No matter what happens we know where we are going."

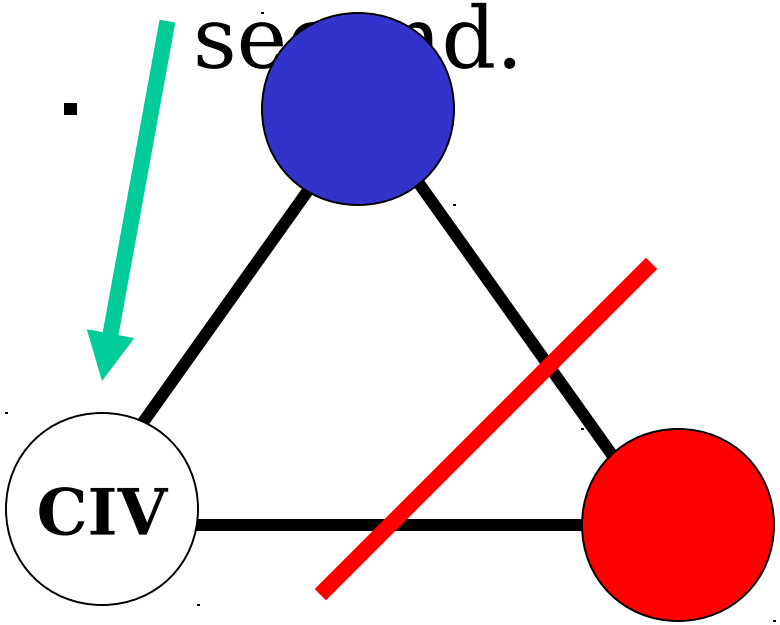
PSYOP/CA

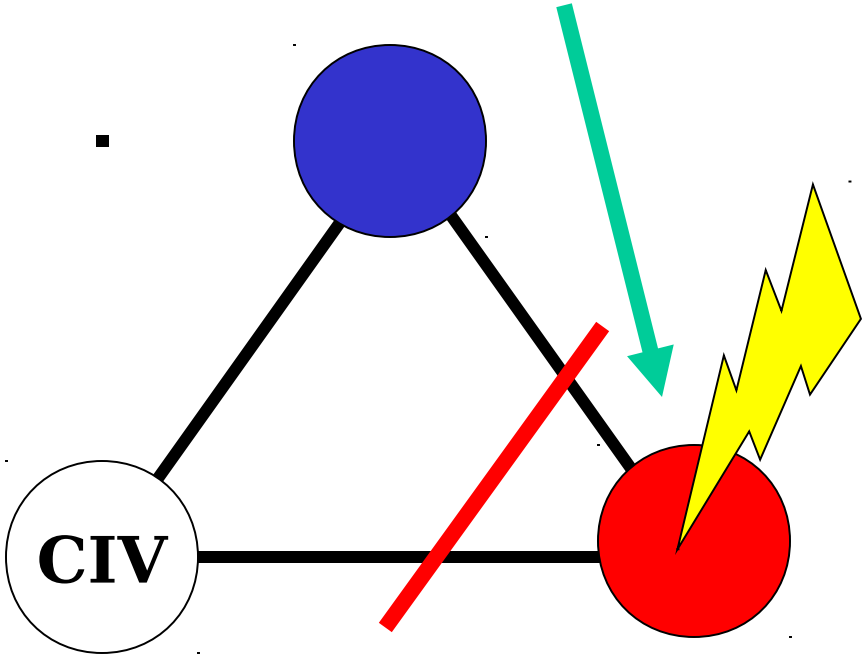
ALLIES/COALITION/PARTNERS

THIS is the revolution in military affairs……

Plan this first.

Plan this second.





good guys

bad guys

The 82d Airborne Sergeant at the Soccer Game…

"The Special Forces wanted to hug the enemy, we just wanted to kill them."

"Son, you have to do both….."

Multiple Choice… Choose a or b.

a:

Prevention

b:

Preemptio

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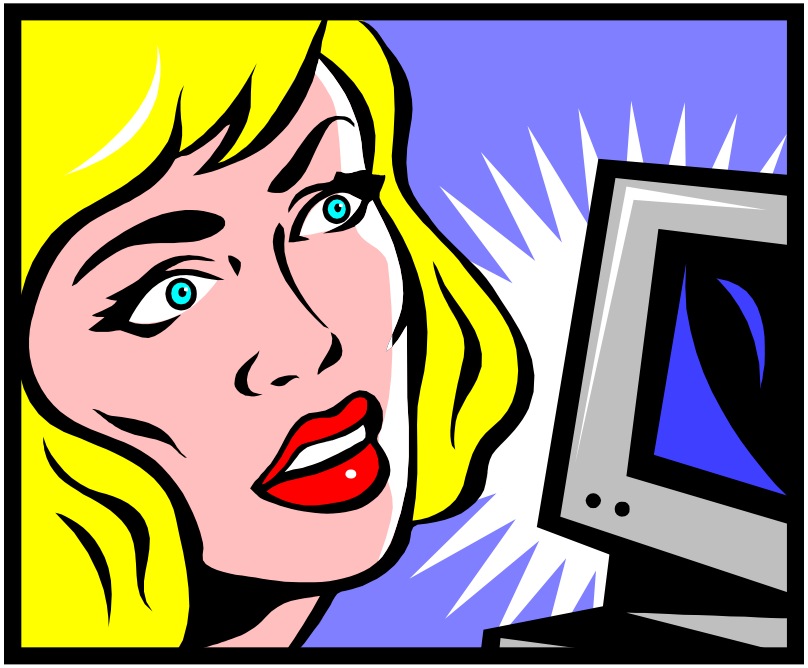
…, speed, lethality, knowledge…. One better stay ahead…

Get ready for Info Wars…

Regional?

Nope, its GLOBAL!



COIN

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HUMAN TERRAIN Is KEY TERRAIN!

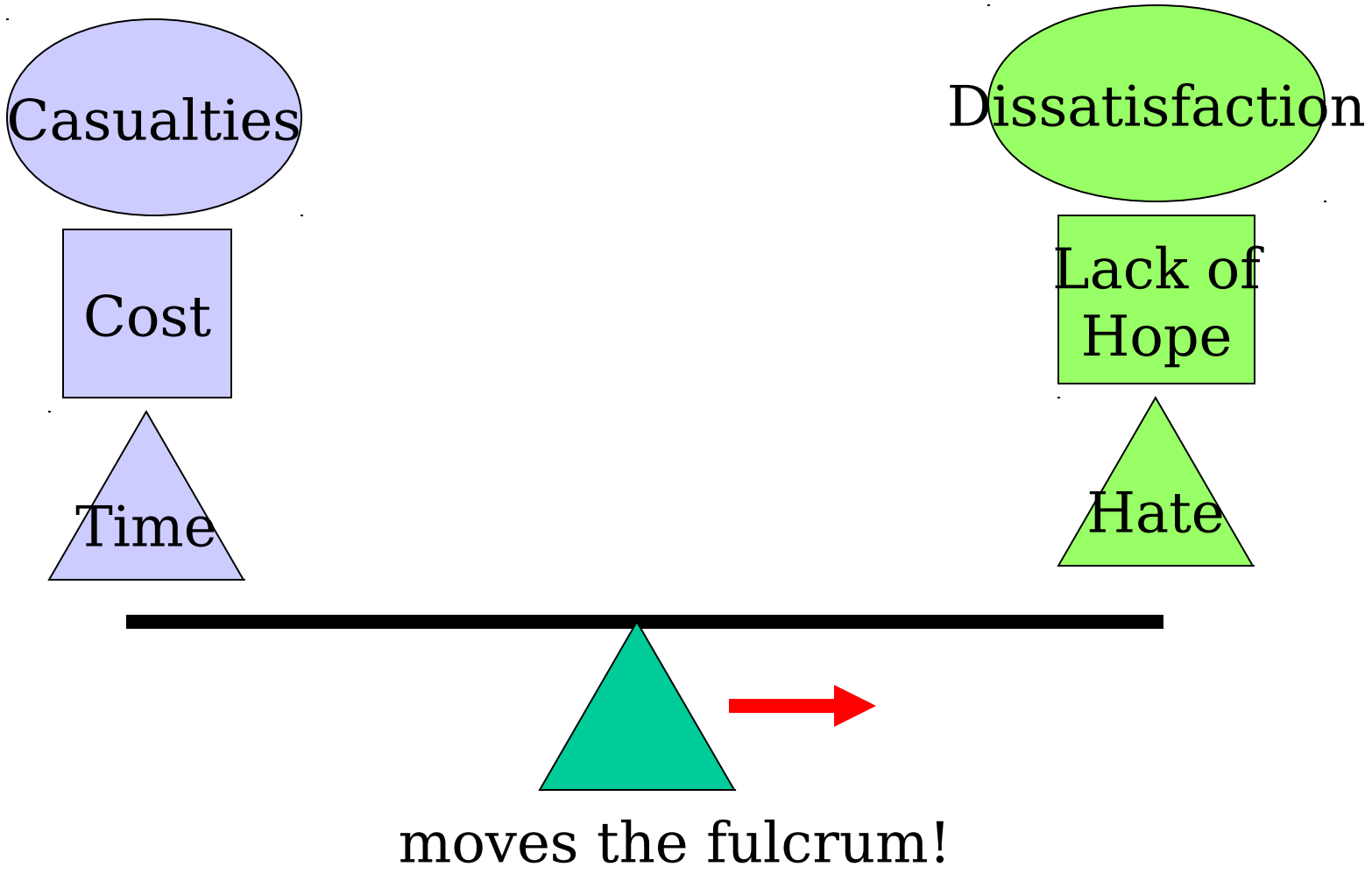
Are we winning or losing?
Hamas?
Taliban?

What are cooperative arrangements for…

- Shape
- Deceive
- Project
- Find
- Capture
- Share
- Convince
- Change

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE CA/PSYOP?

Cultural awareness…



Doctrinally & experientially, we tossed it….

- Tier I: *US Army Special Forces*—Security Assistance, FID, IDAD plus CA and PSYOP **(Nixon Doctrine – Nations defend themselves)**

  Note: Basilan Island/Afghanistan in OEF/EL Salvador Model/Vietnam "Red Hats" in Iraq
- Tier II: *US Army Separate Brigades*- fight the heavy fight to allow host nation forces to develop.
- Tier III: *US Army General Purpose Forces* from CONUS become the main effort until the enemy is is reduced in power and handover to the host nation is possible.

We need to forgive the Cold Warriors…

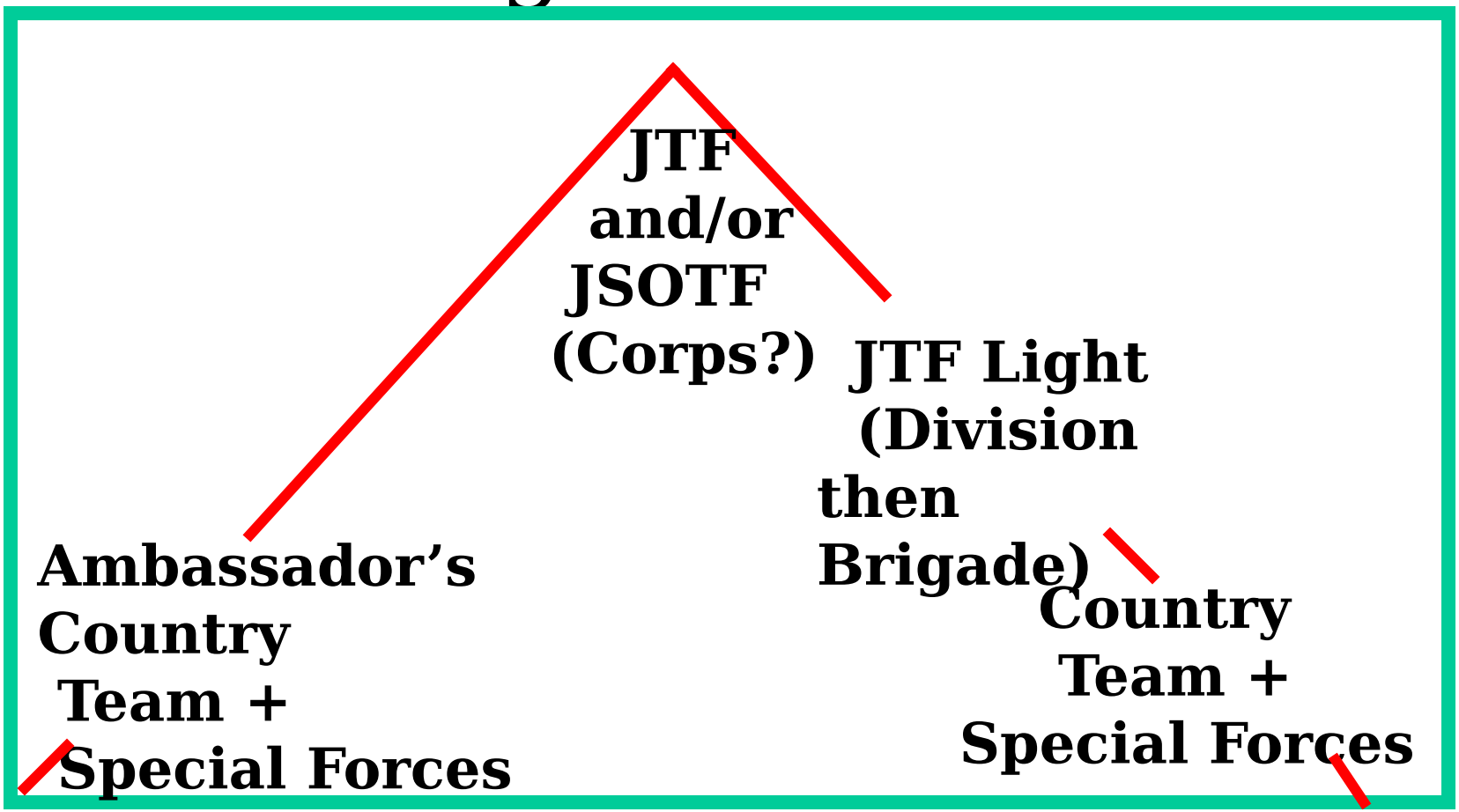
- The enemy is over there and we are over here.
- Raids are the answer.
- Platforms not people.
- Nodal/Operational Net targeting is enough.
- National survival = winning, not entering the enemy territory and forcing change.
- The Greatest Generation were the last occupiers.
- War is against things, not men.
- Technology is the answer.
- **When a nation hasn't won a major war for over 50 years, lessons atrophy.**

DOD wasn't watching the battle lab in Latin America, only the failure in Vietnam …..

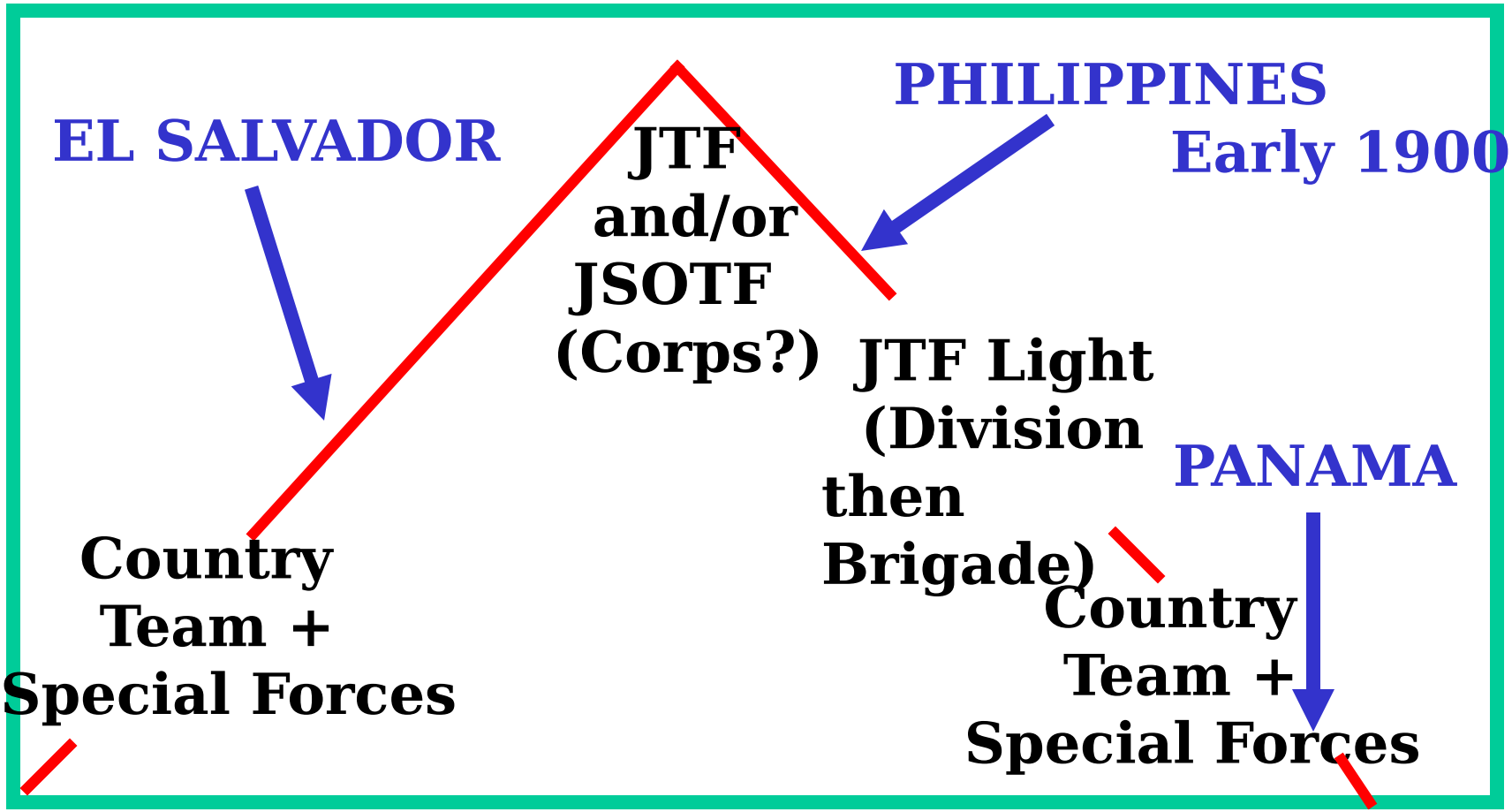
We need to forgive reflexive reaction…

- JTF’s according to joint doctrine.
- Steam the fleet.
- Rapid Deployment Operations template.

Building Up and Down…. Haiti, Panama, Afghanistan?



Wins can come at any time…



Post Vietnam

- DOD returned to its roots. Major Combat Operations against the Soviets… and rebuilt from the great debacle's nadir of professionalism.
- DOD also through out the baby with the bathwater.
  - Counter-insurgency
  - Special Forces
  - Unconventional Warfare
  - Psychological Operations
  - Civil Affairs
  - Cognizance of Culture & Indirect Warfare

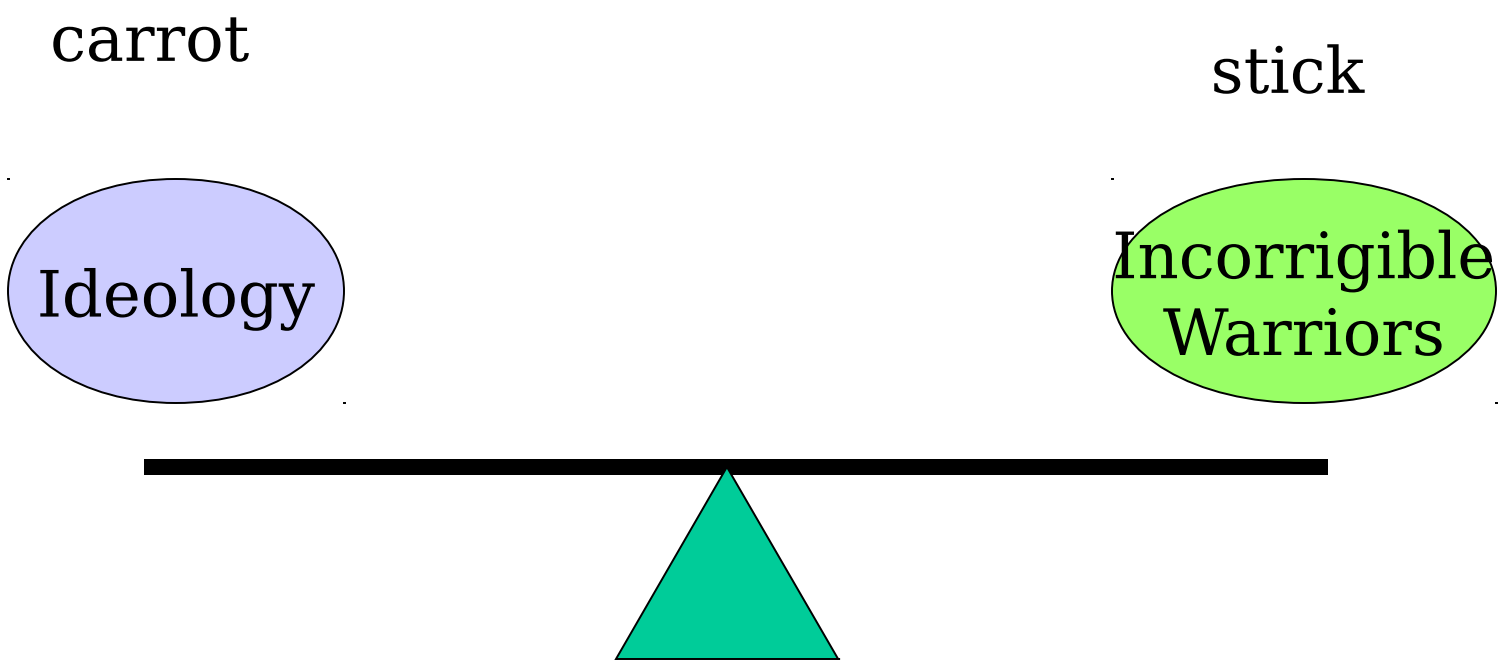
How do we win the War on Terrorism?

- With Intelligence.
  - Provided by US and Global resources of allies, coalition members and friends and enemies.
  - Cooperation on interrogation, capture, kill and prosecution.

- With Wisdom.

Others with common interest win this war for us –
In Afghanistan and elsewhere. This conflict
is too big/complex for the US to go it alone – and there it be impossible for us to effectively attack the ideology of radical Islam – Thomas Friedman has it right:
Muslims MUST police themselves.

The Art Form…

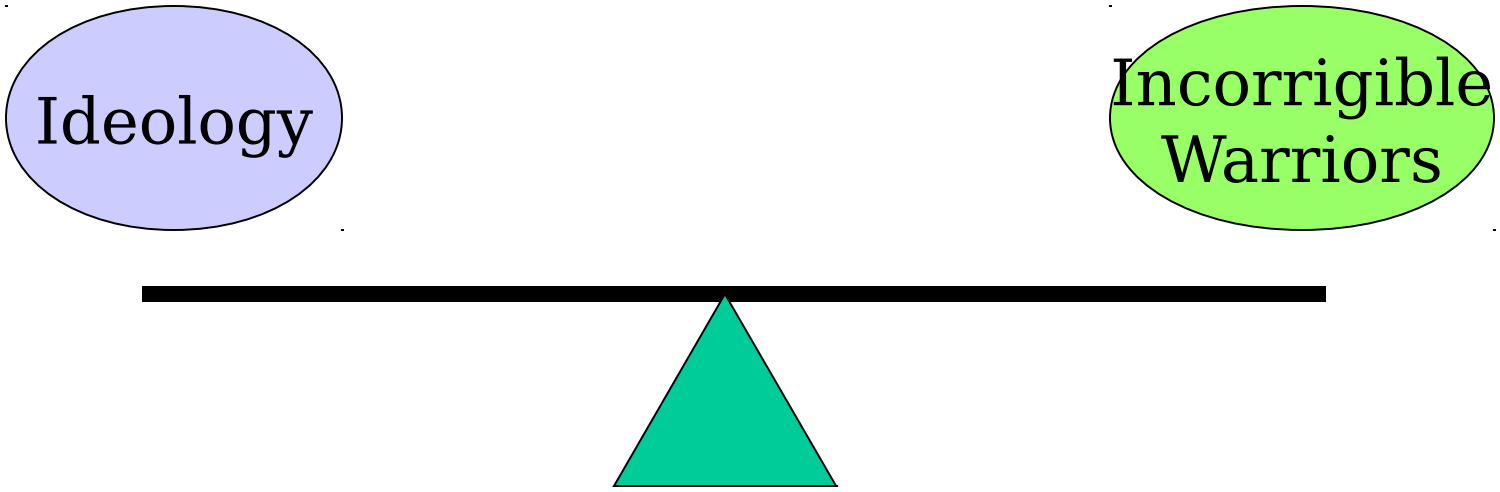

carrot
stick
Ideology
Incorrigible Warriors
The right balance!

The Art Form…

The US owns neither all of the carrots nor all of the sticks!

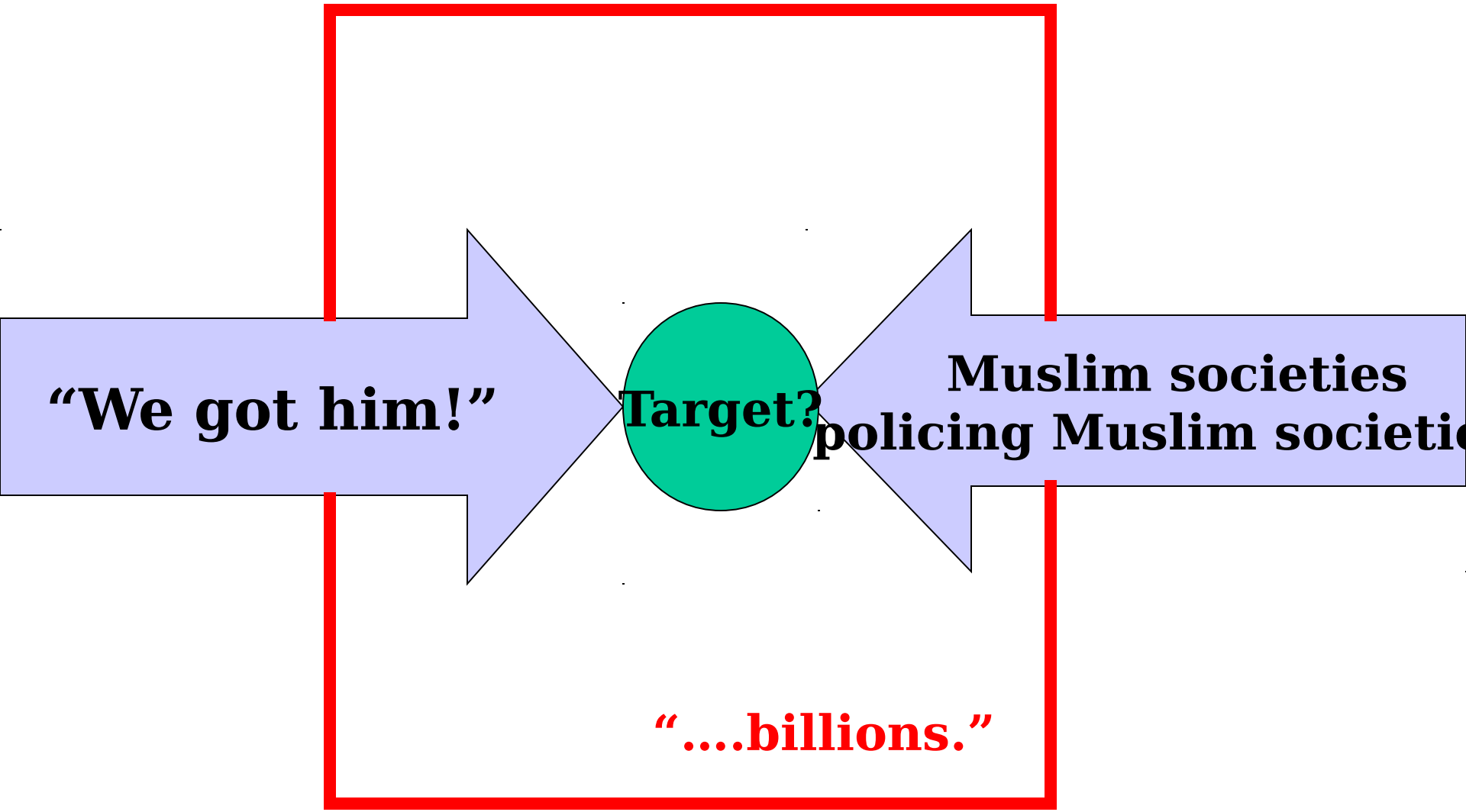
carrot

stick



The right balance!

Basic Schematic…



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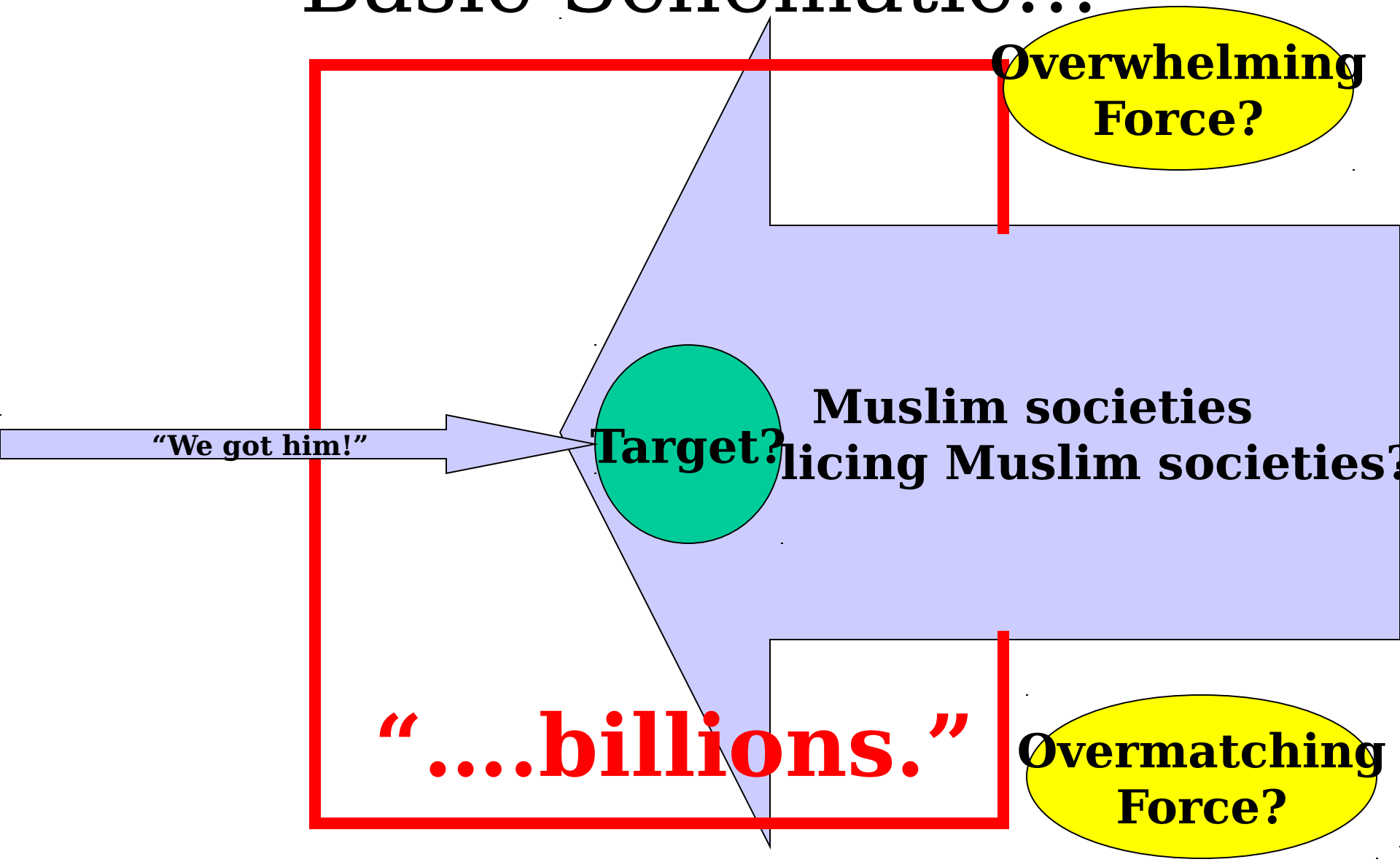
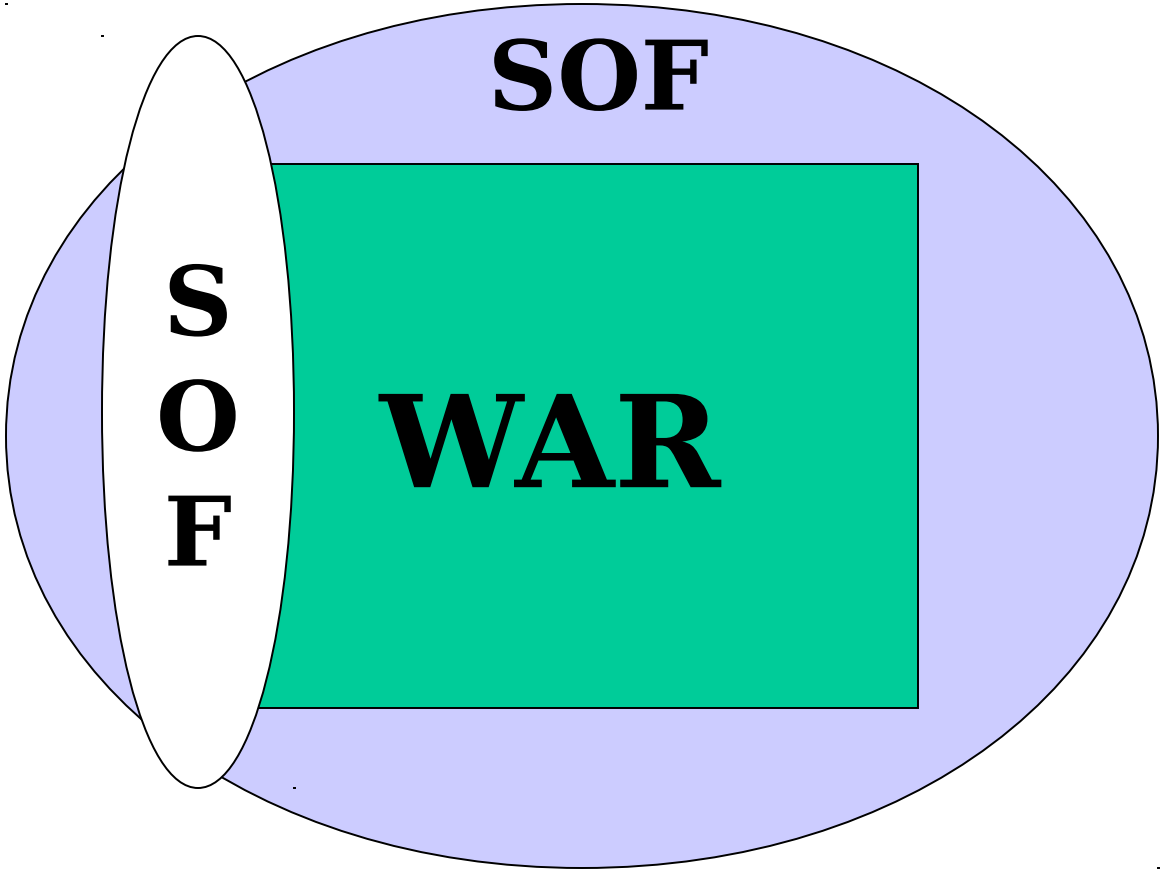


SOF: DA,SR,UW,WMD, CA, PSYOP, INFLUENCE, etc.



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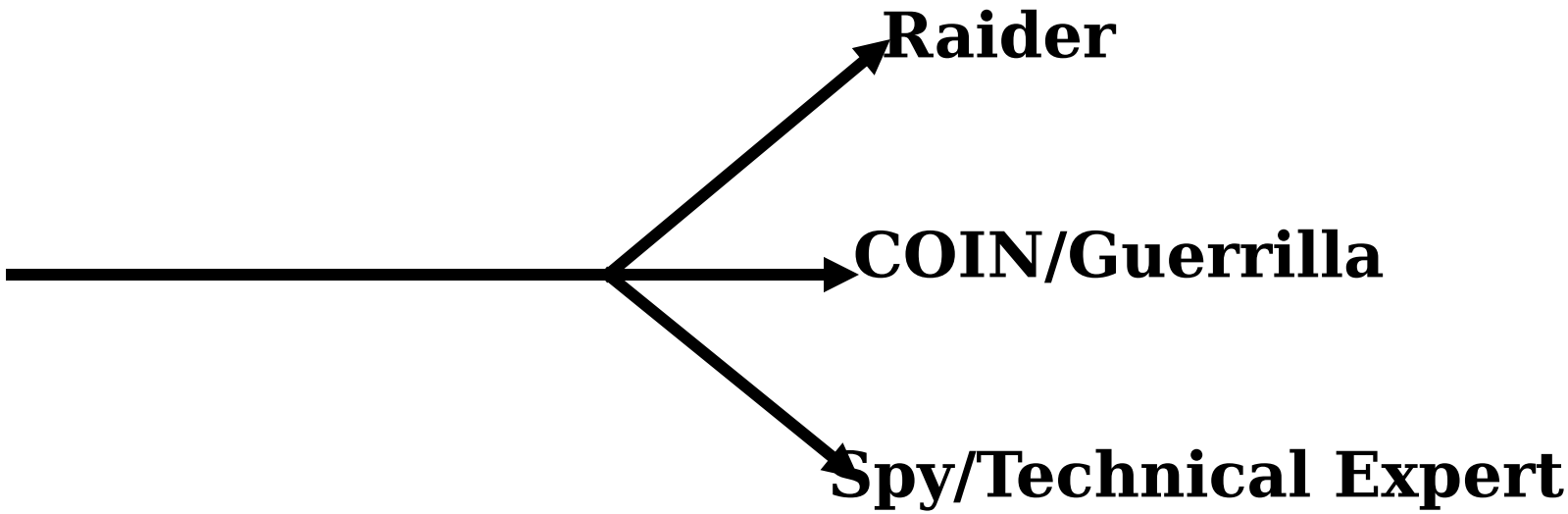
USSOCOM:

“When ones encounters a fork in the road, take it…”



The nation needs all three….

A transition worth watching…

- Will SOF embrace the value of forward presence and shaping?
- Is demassification and hyper-specialization understood & will roles and missions correspond?
- Is SOF to win wars (El Salvador Model) or do less?
- If the charter for Paramilitary Ops comes SOF's way, is SOF ready for structural overhaul?
- Will SOF take the opportunity to create a new life form for the nation or will it do incremental change and add-ons to current constructs?

Will SOF address the *BILLIONS*?

Future of SF/CA/PSYOP?

"When the GWOT is over…

…if SOF looks like it did going in, something is wrong."*

SOF, CA and PSYOP --- historic opportunity.

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